

Resolution funding the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Emergency Rental Assistance Program in response to the ongoing rental crisis resulting from the public health emergency (Department of Job and Family Services) (\$9,000,000)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency began in March 2020, resulting in the Franklin County Board of Commissioners taking immediate and significant action to support and safeguard the well-being of its 1.3 million residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to reduce the number of evictions currently occurring in Franklin County. In addition to the economic stress that wave will place on those individuals, families, and the County itself, it will also have a detrimental effect on the County's emergency shelter system; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (FCDJFS) administers the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Program to provide time-limited emergency assistance, including rental and utility assistance, to eligible low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been awarded funds by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program authorized in Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to reduce housing instability related in part to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to provide additional funding allocation for the FCDJFS PRC Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program in the amount of \$9,000,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be made available to further address the ongoing housing crisis and rental assistance needs of Franklin County families that meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, for the time period ending December 31, 2023, or until the ERA funds are no longer available; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

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That the funding for the FCDJFS PRC Emergency Rental Assistance Program that will provide rental and utility assistance for low-income Franklin County families is hereby approved.

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cc: Commissioners
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All County Agencies